

*Delaware Public Employees' Retirement System
County & Municipal General Pension Plan*

Retirement Planning



Presented by the State of Delaware Office of Pensions



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Statistics (as of 6/30/21)

- 38,048 Retirees (including terminated vested) from all nine plans
 - 241 from C/M General Pension Plan
- 45,242 Active Members in all nine plans
 - 956 in C/M General
- Over \$14.6 billion in the Delaware Public Employees' Retirement System (8 pension plans, 1 length of service award plan, 3 post-retirement trusts, 1 investment pool made of three entities)
 - Assets of \$97 million in C/M General
 - Approximately 127.6% funding ratio for C/M General

Pension Contributions

- Member Contributions
 - 3% contribution deducted after first \$6,000 of earnings each calendar year
- Employer Contributions
 - FY 2023 – 5.55%



Retirement Eligibility – Unreduced Service Pension

- 30 years of pension credited service at any age
- Age 60 with at least 15 years of pension credited service
- Age 62 with at least 5 consecutive years of pension credited service

Retirement Eligibility – Reduced Service Pension

- Age 55 with at least 15 years of pension credited service
- Reduced 0.4% for each month under Age 60



Retirement Eligibility – Vested Pension

- Must have 5 consecutive years of pension credited service
- Pension is effective first of the month following 62nd birthday

Unified Pension

May combine service in the following Pension Plans with service in the C/M General provided not collecting a pension from them

- State Employees'
- New State Police
- County & Municipal Police & Firefighters

Buy-In Options Upon Retirement

- Approved medical leaves of absence
- Sabbatical leave of absence*
 - Can be used to establish eligibility
- Actuarial (Ex: Military, Other Governmental)*

*Buy-in options must be approved and/or verified by the Office of Pensions prior to retirement

Payment For Eligible Buy-In Options

- Payment for the purchase of an approved buy-in is calculated at the time of the employee's retirement
- Written notification will be mailed directly to the home address the month the retiree will receive their first pension benefit
 - Must be paid prior to issuance of first benefit
- Can be purchased one of three ways:
 - Deducted from first monthly pension, if sufficient to cover the entire cost
 - Personal check
 - Rollover from a qualified tax-sheltered account
 - 401(A), 457(B), 403(B) (under certain circumstances), or an IRA

Who is an Eligible Survivor?

- A survivor is a person eligible to receive a monthly pension at the time of the active member or pensioner's death
 - Spouse
 - Child/children under age 18, unmarried, and if between the ages of 18 and 22, a full-time student
 - Child permanently disabled as a result of a disability that began before the child attained age 18
 - Dependent parent(s)

Joint And Survivor Benefit

- Payable to an eligible survivor
- Election must be made
- One-time irrevocable
- Pensioner's monthly pension reduced for lifetime
 - 50% = No reduction
 - 66.67% = 2% reduction
 - 75% = 3% reduction
 - 100% = 6% reduction

Who is a Beneficiary?

- A beneficiary is named on the Member Actuarial Information form or the Contributory Designation/Change of Beneficiary form and receives a lump sum distribution of the balance of member paid pension contributions, plus interest, in the event there is no eligible survivor at the time of the member's death

Calculating Your Estimated Monthly Pension

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Benefits Calculator

Select an option below:

State Employees Pension Calculator	Correctional/Specified Peace Officer Pension Calculator
New State Police Pension Calculator	Revised Judicial Pension Calculator
Diamond State Port Corporation	Delaware Volunteer Firemen Pension Calculator
County and Municipal (General)	County and Municipal (Police/Firefighter)
	Tax Withholdings (Federal and State)

Estimated Credited Service

County Municipal (General) Calculator

1 ESTIMATED CREDITED SERVICE

Compute your estimated monthly pension:

(If you are thinking about early retirement use the top calculator **and then** use the bottom calculator)

Helpful Hint:

Do not use commas in the combined highest 5 year compensation field. For example, type 100000 instead of 100,000.

Please choose the nearest month or decimal in accordance with your State of Delaware service.

mini-calculator

1	2	3	+
4	5	6	-
7	8	9	x
c	0	=	/

Click '=' will auto-fill Compensation Amount

Enter your credited service: Years Months

Enter your combined highest 60 consecutive months compensation**: \$

Monthly Estimated Pension

2 YOUR MONTHLY EARNINGS PENSION INFORMATION

CALCULATIONS ARE ESTIMATED

		\$	\$	\$	\$
Monthly Final Average Earnings	2500.00	1041.67	1020.84	1010.42	979.17
This is your calculation factor	41.67	Your estimated monthly pension	Your estimated monthly pension	Your estimated monthly pension	Your estimated monthly pension
This is your credited number of years of service	25.0000	50% survivor option	66.67% survivor option	75% survivor option	100% survivor option

Early Retirement

3 ADDITIONAL CALCULATOR

CALCULATIONS ARE ESTIMATED

NOTE: You must perform calculation in Step #1 first for the additional calculators to work properly.

IF EARLY RETIREMENT...

Enter number of months reduced- then
click 'COMPUTE'

60

This is your monthly reduction (months
reduced X .004)

\$ 250.00

\$	\$	\$	\$
791.67	775.83	767.92	744.17
Estimated reduced monthly pension 50% survivor option	Estimated reduced monthly pension 66.67% survivor option	Estimated reduced monthly pension 75% survivor option	Estimated reduced monthly pension 100% survivor option

COMPUTE

CLEAR

Actuarial Buy-In

IF ACTUARIAL BUY-IN (1 year Buy-in amount)...		\$	\$	\$	\$
		1083.34	1061.67	1050.84	1018.34
Select Age at Retirement- then click 'COMPUTE'		Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
55 ▼		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
		pension if	pension if	pension if	pension if
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Calculate (Select before clicking COMPUTE)		electing	electing	electing	electing
Monthly Pension Increased by buy-in option:		50%	66%	75%	100%
	\$ 41.67	survivor	survivor	survivor	survivor
Buy-in Cost:	\$ 5958.35	option with	option with	option with	option with
Recoupment Period (No. of Years):	11.9167	buy-in	buy-in	buy-in	buy-in
		<input type="button" value="COMPUTE"/> <input type="button" value="CLEAR"/>			
<input type="button" value="Print a complete Estimate Summary based on the data input."/>					

Health Insurance

- Eligible to participate in the group health insurance plans offered by the State of Delaware
- Pay the total cost (Pensioner and State Share) of the health insurance
- A member eligible for a vested pension in another plan OR receiving a pension in another plan may be eligible for a portion of the State Share paid by the State

Health Insurance

- All plans coupled with prescription plan coverage
 - Changes in coverage once a year during the open enrollment period in May; changes are effective July 1st
 - Medicare—eligible members' open enrollment period occurs in October; changes effective January 1st
- Life Changing Event – Changes must be done within 30 days of the event

Medicare Coverage

- Medicare Part A and Part B enrollment is required for all pensioners and their eligible insured dependents when they attain Medicare eligibility either due to disability or age 65.
- Medicare Part A – Federal Hospital insurance
- Medicare Part B – Federal Medical insurance (doctors, supplies, etc.)
- Medicare Part D – Prescriptions
 - An individual can only have one Part D enrollment, Tricare coverage is the exception.

*Contact the Benefits section for further details

Dental Insurance

- Available at retirement
- Automatic payroll deduction

Direct Deposit

- Mandatory for monthly pension
- Deposited on the last business day of each month

Taxes

- Monthly pension is taxable by the Federal Government
- May or may not be taxable in the State where the retiree maintains permanent residence
- Form 1099-R

Payment of Monthly Pension

- Your first Pension Check will be on a 1 month lag
 - Retire June 1st you will receive your first check July 31st
 - Double Pay
 - Double Deductions
- Monthly pension is calculated after the receipt of your final pay from your Organization
- Online pay advices

Working After Retirement

- Only applies if considering employment with an organization participating in the C/M General Pension Plan
 - Must be in a non-pension covered position

So...Ready for Retirement?

- Written notification to supervisor or Human Resources four months prior to retirement
- Human Resources
 - Prepares pension application and submits to the Office of Pensions
 - Schedules appointment with member to complete the pension packet
- Member
 - Gathers required personal documents needed for self, spouse and eligible dependent(s) as applicable
 - Birth Verification
 - Signed Social Security Card
 - Marriage Verification
 - Divorce Verification
 - Medicare Card

After You Retire

The Office of Pensions maintains pensioner records

- Updates must be in writing with signature
 - Name
 - Address
- Other personal information
 - Please note if you update your information on your Single Sign On account you must still submit your updates in writing
- Available to answer questions or concerns

Contact the Office of Pensions

The Office of Pensions maintains pensioner records

- Website: www.delawarepensions.com
- Email address: Pensionoffice@Delaware.gov
 - Phone: (302) 739-4208
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